

**SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph [0028] to correct typographical errors as follows:

a! [0028] Upstream communication ports for primary CMTS transceivers are designated as reference numbers 122<sub>1</sub>-122<sub>n</sub> in Figure 2 while upstream communication ports for backup CMTS transceivers are designated as reference numbers 132<sub>1</sub>-132<sub>m</sub> in Figure 2. Similarly, downstream communication ports for primary CMTS transceivers are designated as reference numbers ~~122~~<sub>1</sub>, 124<sub>1</sub>-124<sub>2</sub> in Figure 2 while downstream communication ports for backup CMTS transceivers are designated as reference numbers ~~132~~<sub>1</sub>, 134<sub>1</sub>-134<sub>2</sub> in Figure 2. While only two downstream communication ports are depicted for each CMTS transceiver, there is no such limitation.

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